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MEMORANDUM FOR:

National Intelligence Officer for Warning

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SUBJECT

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Monthly Warning and Forecast Meetings for
January

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1. We believe the summary of January's Community discussion of Yugoslavia misrepresents several important points made at that meeting and contains judgments that do not accurately reflect views expressed by Community analysts. Rather, they reflect partial and uncoordinated assertions from an informal Strategic Warning Staff draft by an analyst who spoke only briefly at the end of the meeting.

2. Most analysts agree that a coup is unlikely in the near future, but it is not accurate to conclude that politicians would not "join with the military to stage a coup". The sense of the meeting was that--should economic and security conditions deteriorate seriously--hardline civilian leaders would lead a move, with military support, to restore a tighter dictatorship. Most present agreed that this deterioration is not likely to occur in this warning period.

3. "We" do not not believe that a "major corruption scandal" or a terrorist incident at the Olympics would trigger martial law. Moreover, suggestions about "strong social or political reaction to austerity" and "a threat by a republic to increase its autonomy," do not reflect recognizable conclusions

of Community analysts.

4. The Soviets have not "been consulted" by the Yugoslav government about martial law. Rather

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the Soviets offered unsolicited advice to individual Yugoslavs to undertake martial law.

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